

NORTHPORT HARBOR

Town of Huntington, New York Ecosystem Restoration Project

As of: February 2012

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BUILDING STRONG®

DESCRIPTION

This ecosystem restoration project seeks to restore a salt marsh at the southern end of Northport Bay in the Town of Huntington, New York. The salt marsh was used as a placement site for dredged material when Northport Harbor was dredged in 1963. The plan aims to restore the site to a productive tidal marshland by removing dredged material and contouring the land to maximize the productive vegetation in the area. Another objective would be to eliminate *Phragmites australis*, an invasive plant, from the project site.

AUTHORIZATION

Section 1135 (b) of WRDA 1986, as amended [33 U.S.C. 2309a]

STATUS

The initial screening of alternatives, in consultation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), has determined that the plan to be selected will include a tidal marshland to consisting of nine acres of emergent wetland and one acre of mudflat. The non-federal sponsor, the Town of Huntington, owns the land to be restored. The Draft Environmental Restoration Report will be completed and submitted to North Atlantic Division for review upon allocation of Federal funds.

STUDY COST

Estimated Federal \$470,000
Estimated Non-Federal \$470,000
Total \$470,000

CONTACT

Caroline McCabe, Project Manager, Plan Formulation Branch, Planning Division Phone: (917) 790-8316; e-mail: Caroline.M.McCabe@usace.army.mil

CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION

Representative Steve Israel, NY District #2